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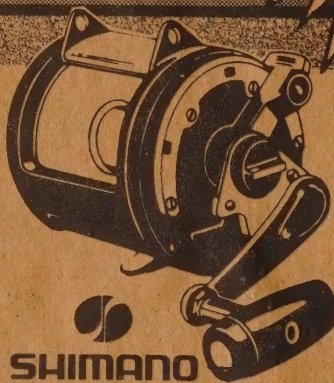
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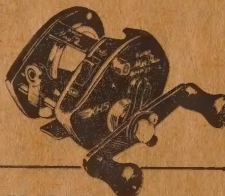
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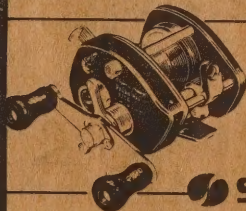
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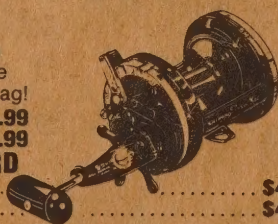
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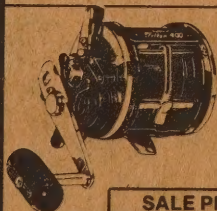
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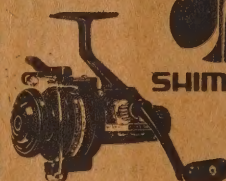


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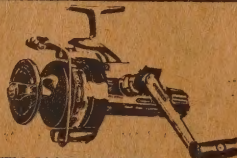
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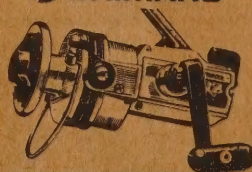
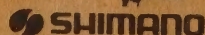


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The recent New York Surf Bluefish Derby, jointly sponsored by *The Fisherman*, *Genesee Brewing*, *Dupont Stren Line* and the *Long Island State Park Commission*, drew rave reviews from competing anglers and sponsors. For a rundown on this first annual event, see Bill Muller's article on page 8. A complete list of winners appears on page 4. Frank Daignault photo.

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The Sunrise Anglers are presently seeking new members. If you like to do any type of fishing, come and join your fellow fishermen and be informed on different techniques and methods of fishing. You need not own a boat to be a participating member.

Tournaments, derbies and charter fishing trips are now forming. Meetings are held at the East End Pub in Patchogue.

If you'd like more information, please feel free to call Lorry Mangan, (516) 928-1347; or Joseph Melendez, (516) 289-3840.

4-H CLUBS IN THE FIVE BOROUGHES

Many Long Island Fisherman readers know about 4-H Clubs, having either been a 4-H club member as a kid, or a leader of a club as an adult. But did you know that there are 4-H clubs in New York City? Cornell Cooperative Extension is actively involved in starting and supervising 4-H clubs in the five boroughs. One area that we know will be rewarding to kids is that of marine related activities, i.e., fishing, boating, seining, beach walks, etc.

If you like to work with kids and are willing to share your particular marine skills with them, then working with a 4-H club can be a very gratifying experience.

If you are interested in starting a 4-H marine club, or would like more information, please contact Bill Fink,

Extension Associated, 4-H Science Coordinator, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Brooklyn Center, 100 Clinton St., 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201; (718) 237-0920.

GROUP COMMANDERS AWARD TO FLOTILLA 11-2

Flotilla 11-2 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary recently completed its Safety Patrol Missions for the boating season, with the greatest number of assists to vessels in distress in its 30 year history.

From May 29th on through to September 30th Flotilla 11-2 assisted some 87 disabled vessels to reach safety. In doing so, helped over 200 people and protected better than one million dollars worth of property from becoming casualties.

Flotilla 11-2 received **The Group Commanders Award** from the United States Coast Guard Station Rockaway, for the past three years.

Anyone wishing information about the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and its services to the boating public should contact George Goodhart, Public Affairs Officer, Flt. 11-2 at 1359 East 104 St., Brooklyn, NY 11236.

1984 NEW YORK SURF BLUEFISH DERBY WINNERS

- 1st: Michael Mazzatta, 16 lbs. 4 oz.
- 2nd: John Fritz, 15 lbs. 14 oz.
- 3rd: Thomas Plunkett, 15 lbs. 12 oz.
- 4th: Jim Kucherci, 15 lbs. 11 oz.
- 5th: Thomas Plunkett, 15 lbs. 9 oz.
- 6th: Jason Colby, 15 lbs. 8 oz.
- 7th: John Bentz, 15 lbs. 6 oz.
- 8th: Mike Saudnass, 15 lbs. 4 oz.
- 9th: Frank Rannazzi, 15 lbs. 0 oz.
- 10th: Thomas Coory, 14 lbs. 15 oz.

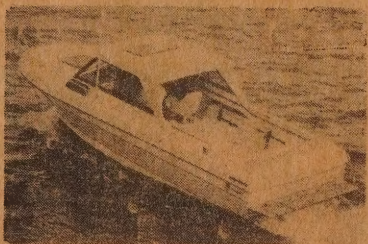
BIG GAME SURVEY DATA AVAILABLE FROM NYS DEC

Approximately one-third of deep sea trips in pursuit of marlin and tuna along the mid-Atlantic coast originated from New York ports and more than a third of the reported catch was hauled in on New York-based trips, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams announced recently. "Information gathered in the first year of a coastal survey of recreational tuna and marlin fishing shows that New York fishermen are very successful in this pursuit," Williams said.

As part of a four-state cooperative regional study of tuna and marlin fishing off the Mid-Atlantic coastline, the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Marine Resources, during 1983 assisted in the collection of data on catch and effort of the so-called big game fishes from New York through Virginia.

"New York provides one of the top areas from which to seek these offshore species," Williams said, "and this study further demonstrates the outstanding variety of marine resources readily available to fishermen in New York. I want to thank all fishermen who participated and cooperated in providing assistance and

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information for this important study."

Funded by a federal grant from the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act, the results show that out of 21,302 marlin and tuna trips made in the Mid-Atlantic area, 7,972 were made from New York ports. New York also topped the reported catches category of the species surveyed with 25,960 fish out of a total of 74,000.

Tuna accounted for over 90 percent of the New York catches with all four of the members of this family available in northern waters represented. Albacore, the more popular tuna variety when found in a can because of its lighter flesh color, were the most numerous, followed by bluefin, yellowfin and bigeye. The bluefin tuna has traditionally been the most sought after of this family because of catches of individual fish weighing near or in excess of 1,000 pounds.

This information is important as fishery scientists attempt to better understand the status of the populations of oceanic fish. The bluefin tuna is already under management by government fishery regulations due to overfishing which occurred prior to an understanding of the condition of the stock. Studies such as this one will enable biologists to monitor fisheries which are presently abundant so that problems such as overfishing can be avoided.

Marlin catches were also respectable for waters which are at or near the northern end of the range for such species.

Although sharks were not included as a target of this survey, they are caught incidentally in the same fisheries. New York's catches of sharks accounted for nearly 80 percent of the 1,802 reported from the entire survey.

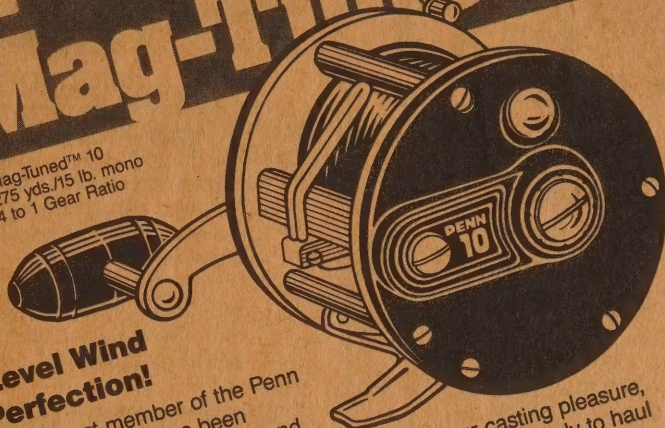
In 1984 the survey was continued and expanded in New York and New Jersey only. Assisted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the DEC Division of Marine Resources and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Marine Fisheries Administration have included shark fishing as well as tuna and marlin in this year's research. The NMFS support of this work indicates its value to increasing interest in understanding recreational fisheries.

For further information and a copy of the study entitled "Survey of Recreational Tuna and Marlin Fishing in the Mid-Atlantic, 1983" contact: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Marine Resources, Bldg. 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

Tuna, billfish and shark fishermen not presently involved in the survey are encouraged to contact Mr. John Mason at the above address so that their boats can be included. "The more participants we have," said Williams, "the more accurately our fisheries will be represented. This will be to the benefit of all New York's marine anglers."

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CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. High Hill Striper Club	714	150	176	1040
2. Farragut Striper Club	279	220	212	711
3. Great South Bay Anglers	196	241	191	628
4. Gateway Striper Club	152	219	163	534
5. Striper Surf Club	327	112	50	489
6. Patchogue Fishing Club	73	105	163	341
7. Mid Island Surfcasters	65	166	52	283
8. East End Surf Club	120	96	62	278
9. O.T.T.O.	23	117	19	159

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. R. Rance	44 pounds, 0 ounces	HHSC
2. W. Muller	40 pounds, 4 ounces	HHSC
3. G. Mandarakas	39 pounds, 4 ounces	SSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. C. Jones	18 pounds, 8 ounces	HHSC
2. G. George	14 pounds, 4 ounce	FSC
3. S. Pantaleone	14 pounds, 0 ounces	FSC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. F. Eike	14 pounds, 1 ounce	MIS
2. T. Booker	13 pounds, 8 ounces	GSC
3. J. McKay	11 pounds, 6 ounces	GSC

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. F. Schwab	HHSC	260	41	67	368
2. O. Van Helmond	PFC	63	85	154	302
3. W. Muller	HHSC	215	52	34	301
4. F. Golofaro	GSBA	87	50	105	242
5. J. Fritz	FSC	46	142	6	194
6. J. McKay	GSC	91	34	49	174
7. G. Mandarakas	SSC	82	51	27	160
8. J. Murray	GSBA	10	115	8	133
9. F. McCann	FSC	53	0	72	125
10. J. Augeri	GSC	50	59	9	118
11. R. Schumacher	OTTO	23	80	0	103
12. K. Kassan	FSC	49	19	28	96
13. J. Klosek	GSC	0	93	0	93
14. F. Eike	MIS	38	28	26	92
15. D. Palmer	MIS	17	68	6	91
16. T. Booker	GSC	0	27	60	87
17. W. Rothwell	SSC	73	5	7	85
18. R. Rance	HHSC	71	0	10	81
19. C. Jones	HHSC	50	18	8	76
20. L. Gobel	SSC	70	0	0	70

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3. Farragut Striper Club	283 points

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NEW YORK SURF FISHING DERBY:

A BIG SUCCESS

by William A. Muller

Three hundred and two contestants participated in this first rendition of the annual surf fishing tournament, with the proceeds going to charity.

The weather was calm and foggy; not ideal, but also not the worst setup; the tides were good, and the fish were on the beaches. The lack of dynamic weather kept the sizes of the winning entries down a bit. Under ideal conditions we expected it would take a bluefish better than 20 pounds to win

it. There's always next year.

We received a good deal of feedback from the participants during the contest, at the awards ceremony, and in the days that followed. The overwhelming nature of the feedback was positive. "This was an honest contest," said several anglers. "Makes you happy you were part of it," said another contestant. Other comments included, "It was nice to see guys you know are real surf fishermen win the

prizes." "I really enjoyed the awards ceremony. There was a lot of good talk, good beer, and good fun." "It was very well organized and a lot of fun. I hope you do it again next year."

We will do it again. Before going any further, we want to acknowledge those who made this event a big success. First and foremost, we want to thank all the participants who eagerly signed up, fished hard and honestly, and brought their good



Captree Bait Station served as official weigh station for the Derby. Photo by Bud Latham.



Noel Kauppauf, weighmaster for the event, checks the weight of a big blue. Photo by Bud Latham.

spirits to the awards ceremony. I personally want to thank our editor, Fred Golofaro, for his assistance in many preparatory and logistical areas. Thanks to Noel Kappauf who was the gracious weigh-master as owner of the Jones Beach and Captree Bait Station. He also threw in support prizes for the ten winners.

We want to thank the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission for their technical assistance, cooperation, and for providing the posters, the location for the ceremonies, handling application paper work, many man hours, equipment and an overall spirit of cooperation and enthusiastic support. In particular, we must thank John Sheridan, Regional Director; Mike Asheroff, Deputy Regional Director; Elaine Felton and Elaine Lawlor from Recreation and Permits; Neil Ackerson, Superintendent; Robert Moses; Howard Leffhelm, Assistant Superintendent, Captree; Joe Lescinski, Superintendent, Jones Beach; Frank Kollar, Assistant Superintendent, Jones Beach; and an array of technicians under the employ of the Commission. Also photographer Bud Latham who supplied photos for a recent LIF cover and for this article.

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We hope we haven't forgotten anyone. If we have, accept our thanks and apologies. Congratulations to all winners and all participants.

Based upon experience with similar activities, we expect the size of the tournament to double or even triple next year. That would be fantastic! We've also been contacted by new potential sponsors who wish to participate. Additional sponsors will expand the scope of the fun and sweeten the pot for winners.

As you know, the proceeds from this event have been placed in a special foundation. We plan to hold additional tournaments in 1985. Perhaps we'll add a flounder derby and a fluke contest to complement the fall surf classic. Likewise, the proceeds from these events will be added to the foundation. When the fund accumulation is significant, which we have every reason to believe could occur during 1985, we will use the monies for appropriate and needy projects related to saltwater recreational fishing.

One more thought. The spirit of friendly competition, good will, cooperation, and enthusiasm that characterized this tournament represents the very essence of fishing. That so many experienced the joy and a sense of involvement is gratifying for us.



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THREE GREAT WAYS TO ENJOY BLACKFISH

by Sal Agliano

In a well-equipped kitchen, the gourmet chef selects the finest cuts of meat, the freshest vegetables and begins preparing the meal. He wields his tools with the expertise of the craftsman that he is. Every slice, every chop is executed with deliberate precision. After much care and when all is done, the master chef samples his culinary work of art. He closes his eyes in a moment of ecstasy, then lifts his fingers to his lips and rejoices.

Similarly, the gourmet of the sea, the blackfish, carefully chooses his meal. He approaches a rock pile and selects the most appetizing cluster of mussels. He pecks at the mass to sample, then backs off. Savoring the flavor, the blackfish may close his eyes momentarily to rejoice, then he moves ahead to partake fully of the meal. Moments later, a tiny baby lobster passes beneath him. The blackfish moves with grace and speed to consume the entree. An oyster or steamer clam may provide the finale to this elegant meal and the blackfish, must like the gourmet chef, is sated.

As a result of the blackfish's selective feeding habits, the superb taste of its flesh ranks with that of the lobster and crab. Its pure white flesh is firm and somewhat nutty in flavor. When preparing blackfish as table fare, the wise chef knows of its unlimited potentials. Unlike most species, the blackfish takes well to many modes of cuisine. It can be baked, fried or broiled. Or it can be steamed, poached, or chowdered. Any way you like it, blackfish fits the bill.

Recognizing this potential, I have, over the years, amassed a collection of blackfish recipes, three of which I would like to share with you. In each case, blackfish is substituted for the traditional meat with surprising results. Each recipe serves four with enough for seconds.

BLACKFISH GUMBO

This recipe was adapted from a tasty chowder I, as a youth, had savored while visiting in the State of Georgia. The dish was originally prepared with catfish, but blackfish fillets proved to be a rewarding substitute.

2 lbs. blackfish fillets
3 qts. water
1/2 cup uncooked rice
4 cups potatoes, diced



Catching tautogs is just part of the fun—the rest is in the eating.

1 carrot, diced
2 celery ribs, diced
1 bell pepper, diced
2 plum tomatoes, peeled and diced
1/2 lb. sliced okra
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 16 oz. cans cream style corn
1 cup warm water
2 tbsp flour
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 tbsp salt
1/4 lb. butter (not margarine)

In a large kettle, bring 3 quarts of water to a rolling boil. Add the blackfish fillets and continue to boil for 15 minutes. Lower flame to simmer and add rice, potatoes, carrot, celery, bell pepper and tomatoes. Simmer for half an hour. Add sliced okra, garlic and corn. Stir flour and warm water together until flour is completely dissolved. Add to kettle along with black pepper, salt and butter. Continue to simmer an additional hour. Serve piping hot with corn bread for dunking.

PASTA E PESCE NEGRO

Being raised in an Italian household, I came to enjoy pasta as more than a staple—it was a tradition! Many of the pasta accompaniments included sea food, and by substituting blackfish for clams another pasta and seafood combination was created with savory results.

2 lbs. linguine
1 lb. blackfish fillets
2 - 24 oz. cans crushed tomatoes
1 - 4 oz. can tomato paste
2 basil leaves
4 cloves garlic
1 tbsp olive oil
salt & pepper to taste

In a large pot, heat garlic in olive oil until lightly browned. Add crushed tomatoes, tomato paste and basil. Cook over very low flame for one hour. Stir regularly. Add blackfish fillets and continue to cook for another hour.

Prepare linguine according to

package directions or to desired tenderness. I prefer it "al dente" (slightly chewy). Drain cooked linguine and heap on a hot platter. Cover generously with blackfish gravy. Sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese and freshly ground pepper over the top. Serve with hot crusty garlic bread and a tossed salad.

BLACKFISH ORIENTAL

Several years ago I became acquainted with an Oriental chef, who had left his position at a well-known Chinese restaurant to open his own take-out business. One of his featured dishes was a combination of roast pork, broccoli and fried won tons. But it was the pungent peanut sauce that made the dish! I tried to pry the recipe from this chef, but he wouldn't budge. So I made several attempts to duplicate it on my own. The first dozen or so experiments were disastrous.

Then one day I finally came up with something that turned out pretty good. I took a sampling to my Asian friend and he was impressed. I then began expanding the possibilities, first using chicken, then shrimp and ultimately blackfish.

2 lbs. blackfish fillets

2 eggs

2 tbsp honey

2 cups flour

peanut or corn oil

Sauce:

2 cups chicken stock

2 tbsp honey

1 dash ginger

4 peppercorns, crushed

1 cup peanut butter

1 tsp dry mustard

2 tsp soy sauce

24 drops Tabasco

Heat peanut oil, enough for deep frying, in a skillet. Beat eggs and honey in a deep bowl and pour flour on a plate or waxed paper. Cut blackfish fillets into bite-size pieces and dip into honey-egg mixture, then dredge in flour. Place coated fillets into hot oil and fry until golden brown. Arrange fried fillets on a hot platter and keep warm while preparing sauce.

In a saucepan, heat chicken stock with honey, ginger and peppercorns. Remove from heat and add peanut butter, mustard and soy sauce. Stir vigorously until smooth and creamy. Add Tabasco and stir briefly.

Serve fillets with steamed broccoli with slivered almonds and white rice. Pour sauce over all or use for dipping. For a less volatile sauce, you can reduce the drops of Tabasco or eliminate completely. But if you're daring enough to let the recipe stand as is, refrain from exhaling near an open flame for at least two hours after dinner.

I hope you enjoy preparing these recipes and savoring the results. But more importantly, I trust they will introduce you to the unlimited potential of a truly versatile commodity—blackfish: Gourmet of the Sea!

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NEEDLEFISH UPDATE

by Fred Golofaro

The overwhelming success of these plugs along the striper coast has increased the competition and improved the product.

The first time I wrote about these wooden dowels with the tapered noses, they were still a mystery to the vast majority of casters along the striper coast. Things have changed dramatically over the past two seasons though, as this once "secret weapon" has become the "bread and butter" plug for surfmen seeking stripers, blues and weakfish. Only fools still question the deadly effectiveness of this lure and there are not many of them around! Some of those who laughed the loudest at my urgings to try these plugs are now its staunchest supporters. Our own John Fritz was playing hard to convince until one recent night at Montauk when he bagged a 36 pound cow (which was released by the way) on a white needle. That fish and the several others in the 30 and 40 lb. class taken that night by other casters made a pretty good case for the plug. There are still a few surfmen around who will admit grudgingly to the needlefish plug's mystifying powers,

but you can bet your last dollar that you'll find a needlefish plug or two in the bags of even these casters.

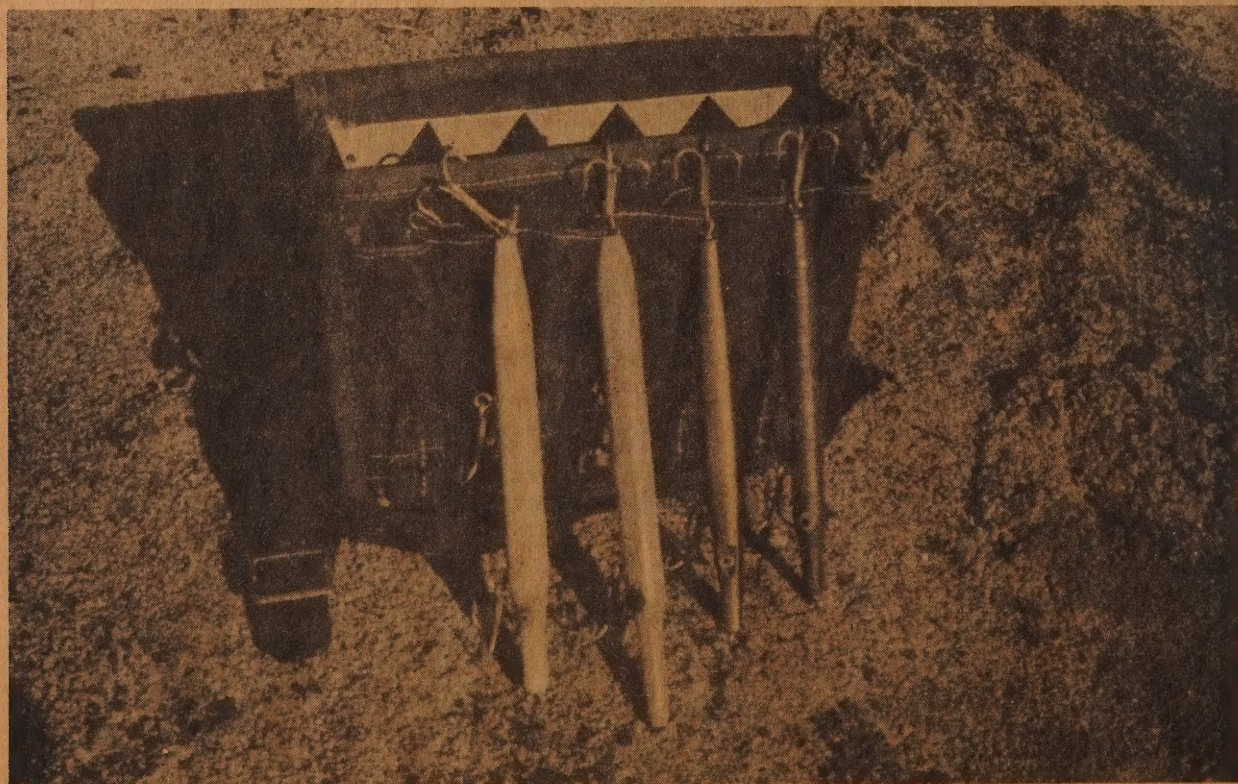
The Fall of 1983 marked the first real acceptance of this simple lure for the vast majority of surf casters. At Cape Cod, Block Island, Montauk, down along the Jersey shore and every point in-between, casters were clamoring to get their hands on the lure. Those who did were often amazed at the ease with which they took fish. So hot was the Super Strike Needlefish at Montauk and Block last fall, that one caster was overheard trading off his wife for just one of these plugs. Another worked out a lease arrangement covering 10 casts which stipulated that if the plug was lost to a fish or a rock during the term of the lease, then the unfortunate angler would be forced to sign over his buggy!

The reason for the lure's effectiveness is rather obvious. It's no secret that one of the most deadly baits in the surf is fresh sand eels. Naturally,

they are also a favorite forage of bass, blues and weaks and no other lure comes as close to imitating the pencil-shaped silhouette of these baitfish. As long as sand eels remain abundant in our waters and a staple of local game fish, then these plugs should remain favorites of the surf crowd. It's this same slanderous appearance that has prompted myself and others to stamp the moniker "sand eel plug" on these lures.

In our initial piece on the needlefish plug, we discussed the several types being manufactured at that time. Among them were the Classic, Line-sider, Super Strike and Boone versions. Well, time has wrought change and this year saw new manufacturers get into the act and existing manufacturers make some changes.

Boone, the originator of the needlefish plugs many years ago when they were popular as "stick baits" for snook, is once again manufacturing their full line. These include three models from a tiny four inch version



Needlefish plugs from left to right are the Woodpecker, Gibbs, Super Strike and Boone. Hook hangers on the Boone version have been replaced by screw eyes and 1/0 hooks.

up to an eight inch long model geared for heavy saltwater use. Their most effective model is their medium size plus which measures 6½ inches and weighs approximately 1¼ ounces. Unfortunately, this model's hook holding arrangement is better for freshwater fishing. The existing hook hangers should be replaced by a screw eye mounted 1/0 treble just aft of the original head hook and a 1/0 treble should be added to the existing screw eye in the tail.

A newcomer on the scene is the Woodpecker Needlefish which at first glance looks like a quality plug. Its only drawback to date has been its inability to hold a paint job, but I understand from several dealers that the manufacturer, Semar Tackle of New Jersey is aware of the problem and working to correct it.

It was only a matter of time before Stan Gibbs Lures entered the fray and, as usual, they have come up with a quality product born from many years of experience in the construction of plugs for heavy, saltwater use. They are marketing a 1¾ oz. model which, like the Woodpecker, sports heavy duty screw eyes and 2/0 3X strong Mustad hooks. The only criticism of these plugs is a result of the very nature of what makes the needlefish tick—that narrow body. Many casters have been replacing the existing screw eyes with ones of greater length and inserting them with a dab of epoxy. The narrow body obviously places limits on how deep you can go without splitting the plug. Also, the fixed hook, which many casters have learned to live with in the case of Gibbs' Darters, is going to result in a few fish lost to straightened hooks. The result of big fish gaining leverage against the body of the plug.

The ultimate needlefish, of course, but one that is often difficult to locate is Don Musso's Super Strike model. Referred to earlier in this article, his plugs are like gold to hard-fishing regulars who appreciate the hook holding advantages of through-wire construction. Now available in a highly durable plastic, which he demonstrated by repeated blasts with a ball peen hammer, production is expected to increase dramatically which could solve the problem of his plugs being difficult to locate. After extensive testing, the new plastic versions have proven every bit as deadly as his wooden models. The finish on the plastics is unmatched and has even withstood the abuse of teen size blues. Super Strikes are available in three models, ranging from 1 to 1¾ ounces.

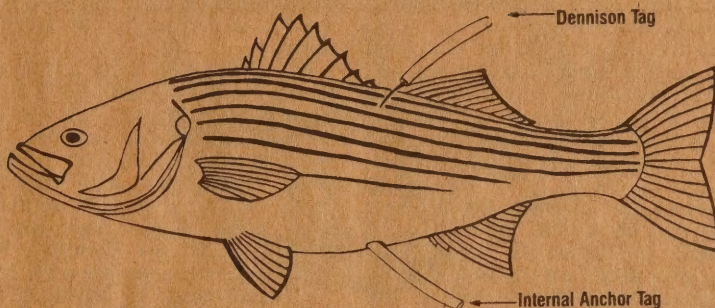
So that's the lineup for the fall of '84. Whatever model you can get your hands on is sure to produce fish. All you have to do is take the time to believe. When it comes to fishing them I have found they're most effective between sundown and sunrise when fished with a steady, moderately slow retrieve. "A word to the wise—don't leave home without them."

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LOVE AT FIRST BITE

by Matt Ahern

I'm a nut. A fishing nut. And to make matters worse, I'm told these are the worst kind. Not that the fishing fraternity has the edge on nuttiness. Perish the thought. Should you need proof, turn on your TV and check any football, basketball, or baseball game. Watch any heavyweight championship boxing match. Gaze upon and listen to the thousands upon thousands of cheering and screaming spectators. But as enjoyable as these events may be to some, unless there's a good old-fashioned, knock-'em-down and drag-'em-out slug fest, a tension-packed pitcher's duel, or the making of a possible no-hit, no-run game, they all leave me cold.

Why? Simple. All these are spectator sports—the viewers receiving their thrills solely from the athletic endeavors of the contestants. By proxy, one might say. But when you and I go fishing, we aren't part of a cheering, screaming mob. We aren't spectators: we are participants in the game, participants to the fullest

extent of the word. It's you and me, friend, and no screaming or cheering on our part will sway the simple judgment of a fish as to the worth of a worm.

My intent is to write a little about codfishing and I know this is a deuce of a way to go about it. But you've got to make allowances for me: I'm in love, you see: in love with the fishing game, particularly with codfishing. Boy! Am I in love with codfishing! Sound crazy? Sure it does. But don't hold it against me. Everyone knows winter codfishermen are a bit daft.

It's our stock in trade. It's our excuse when someone looks upon us with a jaundiced eye. "What's with Matt?" someone asks as winter approaches. "Don't you think he acts a bit weird?" Ready for the reply? "Nah, there's nothing wrong. He's just one of those crazy winter codfishermen. They all act like that." See what I mean? A built-in excusable excuse, one that is accepted by all. And just how many built-in excusable ex-

cuses does one find today?

When I began fishing, I felt from the very beginning that I was in love with the sport. Leastwise, I thought I was. But not until I caught my first cod did I realize what went under the guise of love was merely the hollow shell of infatuation. But when I caught that first cod I knew it was love at first bite.

I lay all my fishing heartaches, my numerous wet fannies, frostbitten fingers, and assorted piscatory frustrations squarely on an 11 pound cod. If it had kept its mouth shut, I could have continued to live the life of an average sinker bouncer, cheerfully taking my fishing pleasures when I wanted and where I wanted. Certainly I wouldn't be dictated to by the ghost of a long-dead cod. I was happy enough the way I was.

But the day I stuck an 8/0 Sproat hook into the upper jaw of that cod was the day of all days. It proved to be my undoing. No longer would I be completely content with flounder, fluke, and other bottom feeders. I caught another cod that day, too. Although it was two pounds heavier, for some strange reason I rarely think of it. It was that eleven pounder that started the whole thing.

I'm sure all the excitement and allure of codfishing is due to the fish's large size. Any fisherman worth his salt will go out of his (her) way to catch big fish—especially when they are so readily available in his own backyard, so to speak. Of course, small cod are caught; by small I mean those under six pounds. But this—believe it or not—is a left-handed blessing.

Just so long as these small cod are available, just so long will codfishermen not have much to worry about. It is only when big fish are continuously caught to the exclusion of small fish that it bodes ill for the fishery in general. So don't fret if at some time one of your buddies tells you all he caught last time out were small cod. Count your blessings. You'll enjoy many more years of good codfishing.

Back in 1895, the world's record cod was caught off Massachusetts. This was a commercially caught fish. It weighed a shade over 211 pounds and was over six feet long. Now, that's a codfish! Around the same time another cod was caught that tipped the scales at 185 pounds, but unfortunately it had been cleaned and beheaded before being weighed. There is no record as to its length; but if asked to make a stab at it, I'd say it probably went over 6½ feet with a



Many a sinker bouncer has been lured to sea by the "Winter King."

weight of 230 pounds. Today, however, any cod over 85 pounds is rare. But even so, is it any wonder dedicated codfishermen dream long dreams?

What are the chances of these records being broken? Not much, I'm afraid—but this is only my opinion. Who actually knows what goes on down there in that twilight world? I'm not going to be foolish, though. I'm not going to say that the next cod you hook may be a world's record. But I will say that your chances of hooking a 30 or 40 pounder this winter are good. Not excellent, mind you—just good.

Like most codfishermen who have been at the game for some years, I, too, have caught my share of 30 pounders and better; but when it comes to decking cod over 40, I'll tell you right now that these winter-time heavyweights have been few and far between for me.

The official record-holder for cod in the New York Bight was caught at Ambrose Lightship on December 24, 1949. It weighed 57½ pounds and was caught by John Rzeszewicz—which is a dandy Christmas present in any fisherman's book.

Now before some of you begin writing letters about those larger cod you've heard about, or have caught yourself, let me say that I'm sure you are right. But this is the official Field and Stream and IGFA record and is the one I have in my possession and I'm only quoting from that.

Back in late December, 1963, Newsday published a photo of a 61 pound cod taken by Lorenzo Fucarino of Mineola while fishing aboard Captain Al Lindroth's then Captain II out of Freeport. So you see what may be down there next time you go out.

I once saw a 63 pounder myself, but it was never recorded. The oddball catching of this particular monster would make quite a story and some day I'll tell you about it.

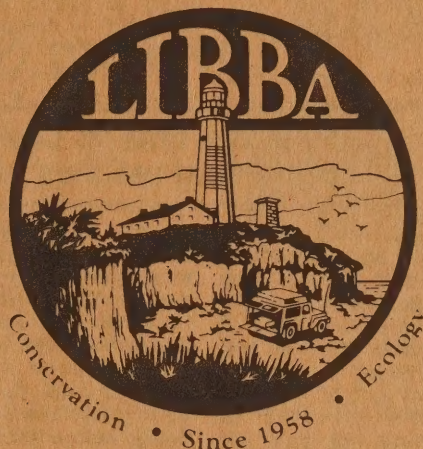
So much for the possibility of hooking large cod in our area. But while these big fish are always lurking back there somewhere in the deep recesses of my mind, when I go cod-fishing I'm content with whatever size comes along. I never grumble—I don't want those fishing gods to frown upon my endeavors. If ten pounders or five pounders are the order of the day—so be it. Someone is going to wind up with the pool, and who knows if I keep my mouth shut, it might be me.

What I'm after when codfishing is the personal thrill of pitting my meager knowledge against one of Nature's finny creatures. I love to feel that fish pound on the way up. I love it when that cod stops my reel cold. I love it when that fish turns out to be larger than expected. I love it because it is just me against the sea and what it has to offer. I say hang the cold and the often rough winter seas. For me codfishing has been, and always will be, love at first bite.

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TROPHY TROUT OF THE CONNETQUOT

by Tom Schlichter

Fall is the time to score with big sea run trout in the tidal reaches of this south shore river.

The crisp taste of fall was distinct in the chill winds of the early November morning as I waded in the knee deep water of Rattlesnake Creek. Quartering the stream with my casts, I methodically worked a small red and white Daredevil through a pocket of water that had rewarded me with two nice sea run rainbow trout only the day before. Flipping the lure upstream, I allowed it to swing wide and sink almost to the bottom before beginning the retrieve. The wobbling motion of the spoon was transmitted through the sensitive tip of the light rod, assuring me that all was working properly, when suddenly the Daredevil was stopped dead in its tracks. A flash of silver indicated I was into another rainbow as the fish ran down-

stream and toward the opposite shoreline. The 'bow rolled once on the surface before turning back upstream and heading directly across my path, but he was well hooked and the effort was futile. Tired now, the fish put up little resistance as it slipped over the rim of the net. A beautifully colored 18 inch specimen, I admired its sleek design before returning it to the creek unharmed.

To Long Islanders looking for a shot at a trophy trout, the Connetquot River system offers great potential. From mid-October through the month of November, sea run brook, brown and rainbow trout return to the river to spawn. In the tidal sections of this river, the average fish an experienced angler can expect to take will fall

between 14 and 18 inches in length. Each season, a fair number of larger fish are also taken here and the chances of hooking up with a warrior of four to six pounds, or maybe even larger, are not bad at all when compared to other trout waters within the reach of local fishermen.

The coloration of these fall run fish is spectacular. Especially pleasing to the eye is the brook trout. This fish grows a hooked jaw when it returns to freshwater, causing it to take on a much fiercer complexion than its landlocked counterparts. The orange stripe of coloration running the length of this fish's lower side is as brilliant as fall leaves in full turn, while the white bordered ventral and anal fins stand boldly in contrast to the dark



A trio of nice trout taken from the Connetquot by the author.

topside. The rainbow trout picks up a silvery hue causing it to appear even more streamlined than usual while the brown tends to show a somewhat more golden shade.

Pulling a few sea run trout from the Connetquot's waters is not a complicated task, but those fishermen with a little freshwater experience seem to make the transition to tidal fishing somewhat easier than do those who fish strictly saltwater. Perhaps this is because these anglers feel more comfortable with the lighter tackle, small baits and lures, and the soft, quiet presentation necessary to take these gamesters.

Four to eight pound test freshwater spinning outfits are the norm among those who frequent this location, although I imagine a similar baitcasting outfit would work just as well in the hands of a skilled caster. Rods should have a little backbone, but more important is a sensitive tip which will cushion the surges of a big trout. Needless to say, a smooth working drag is a necessity to prevent breakoffs when fishing with the lighter lines.

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Most minnow imitating lures will work here with Rebels, Rapalas, and Nils Master lures all quite effective. Small spoons are also good with red and white Daredevles or small gold models my personal favorites. While I've not yet taken the opportunity to drop a fly in these tidal waters, the boys working within the park boundaries north of Sunrise Highway do quite well and I have little doubt that the right streamer presented at the proper time would also turn the trick. Maybe I'll give that a try this fall and let you all know how it turns out in a future article.

While fishing with lures can be a lot of fun, the quickest route to a hook-up in these waters is through the use of live bait—especially killies. These hardy baitfish, which the trout recognize as natural forage, are easy to work with and seem to really turn the fish on at times. Hook them through both lips on a #6-10 Eagle Claw hook as you might for large-mouth bass and allow them to drift with the current. If possible, cast them in a manner which will allow the current to sweep your offering close past a dock piling, fallen tree, or other obstruction. As you approach deeper water, you may want to add a split shot or two about a foot above the leader to keep the killie from riding too far off the bottom.

Another bait which works well if

you can catch them are grass shrimp. These are usually fished two or three to a hook (size #6-8) behind a small bell sinker or several split shots. Slowly bounce the shrimp downstream, moving them a foot or so with each lift of the rod until a pickup is detected. This method occasionally produces the side benefit of white perch which also spawn in this area. Some days, the perch are so numerous as to actually be annoying.

Regardless of what bait or lure you choose to work, the best way to fish the tidal sections of the Connetquot is via a small boat or rubber raft. Shoreline access along the better fishing areas is limited, and with all the boats and family docks jutting into the current, even wading can be difficult at times. I usually fish from a small one-man rubber raft, drifting downstream with one line trailing a piece of live bait while I cast a lure with a second outfit.

Try to concentrate your efforts to the deeper pockets of water, slight bends in the river, eddies or structure. Once you find a spot that produces, it's a good bet trout can be taken in that spot several times a week as new fish move in to replace those which are culled from the river. Remember that the fish you take here are spawners, so don't get greedy if you want the fishing to continue improving as it has been over the least several years. Handle those fish you do not intend to keep as little as possible and release them as quickly as you can.

Some fishermen fish for these sea runs after dark and rumors circulate each fall about that "ten pounder taken at night by some guy." I'm sure that where there is smoke there's fire, but my experience has been that the best fishing is at first and last light. I like to get on the water before the mist stops rising, and if possible, before anyone else has worked the area (but then, who doesn't?). The river is rarely crowded this or any time of the year, so if there are other fellows on the water a little distance between boats is usually appreciated.

One last point that should be brought to your attention is the fact that tide affects the fishing here. The trout seem to be more receptive on rising water, so if you can plan a morning or evening trip to coincide with the incoming tide you're in pretty good shape.

The Connetquot River system is a scenic piece and just floating down-tide or wading its waters can be very relaxing until you hook up—then all hell breaks loose. Don't be afraid to let a strong fish run if it's hooked at mid-stream as there are not too many snags throughout this stretch of water. The serenity of the surface and surrounding terrain here belies the explosiveness of the trout below and it's exactly this contrast which keeps me coming back for more year after year. Why don't you give it a shot this year? Chances are you'll get hooked deeper than the trout!

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THE LAST HURRAH!

by John Fritz



The surf fishing season is swiftly winding down to its annual adjournment. At any given time a severe coastal storm can rush the remaining migratory fish on their way, effectively closing the oceanfront for surf fishing. Whatever type of season it has been for the individual up to this point, it can be augmented with a few last encounters with departing monster bluefish. After spending a few hectic sessions with these quality game fish, an angler is better suited to face the long dreary winter.

The mind tends to dismiss unpleasanties, preferring instead to recall enjoyable moments, a welcome condition which carries many anglers till spring. There are numerous locations along the south shore where a surfcaster has the opportunity to accumulate a full winter's supply of memories and fillets. For a great percentage of anglers, Robert Moses State Park provides the most accessible vantage point for participating in the action.

The parking fields of 2, 3 and 4 are all open during the daylight hours, the time when these fish are most actively sought. Buggy fishermen, in possession of a Beach Vehicle Permit,

have the added opportunity of patrolling the mile or so stretch of beach adjacent to Democrat Point.

It is difficult to say, with certainty, just which area will produce the best action. Given the capricious nature of autumn storms, productive structure can be fashioned or destroyed in a single day. It can be said, with assurance, that in some portion of this shoreline these voracious hordes of bluefish will accommodate these anglers awaiting their arrival.

In an effort to emphasize the unpredictability associated with this type of surf fishing, let me relate the pattern of the past two seasons. In the fall of '82, most surf fishermen were concentrated around the rim of a deep pocket which had formed at the eastern edge of Parking Field #4. Although some impressive catches were made from the ledge opposite the left side of Parking Field #2 and the prominent point near field 5, the majority of the fish were hauled from the superb structure adjacent to field #4.

Surf fishermen investigating this same area, the following season, were dismayed to discover the pocket completely obliterated. The beach

had been reshaped into the customary trough and parallel bar, even with this radical change in structure the bluefish inundated the area on the morning of October 31st. The first few days of the blitz saw fishermen filling their stringers from any point in the vicinity of field 4. As the run settled down, periods of lively action alternated between fields 2 and 5 with a grand finale taking place along the shore adjacent to the Democrat Point jetty on November 9th.

The unbelievable action, which took place at Democrat, featured such pleasant weather that small boats and surfmen were almost fishing side by side. The number and size of the fish taken by those anglers present at the start was impressive by any standards. At times such as this, little skill is required to fill one's stringer, but since these occasions are extraordinary I'll try to point out a few of the lessons learned over the past few seasons.

For the most part, these are husky fish, putting the best tackle through a vigorous workout. A light tackle enthusiast will be able to find a vacant section of beach in which to practice his sport, but such a person, in the

midst of a crowd of average anglers, will create havoc. I, for one, tend to play the fish rather than trying to horse it into the beach. When the customary lineup is formed along the water's edge such indulgences should be curtailed. If the fish can be walked to a clear area, where a long, drawn-out fight will not interfere with nearby anglers, all well and good. On most occasions, the lineup is too extensive for such a procedure to be practical. Therefore, a swift landing is the normal practice. When following such a routine, several objectives are achieved, not the least of which will be the reduced likelihood of an unseen set of teeth parting the tortuously taut line. If the fish is subdued quickly, there will be less danger of line tangles and other interference from neighboring anglers. Furthermore, if the fish is to be released it will regain its strength more rapidly than if subjected to a long tiring battle. In addition to all of this, the angler will be prepared to try for the next fish that much sooner.

Sturdy rods, measuring 10 or 11 feet in length, are preferred for this type of fishing. Frequently the fish can be found prowling the slight trough created where the waves break upon the shore. Depending on surf conditions, this lip can be literally at one's feet or 100 feet or so off the edge of the water. Then there are those occasions when the blues are interested in something a bit further off the beach. At any rate, long casts are not always necessary, but a wise angler will prepare for every contingency.

The Crack 300 is an ideal reel for this type of fishing, but reels comparable to the Penn 704, 706, 850SS and Daiwa BG 90 are advised. Of utmost importance is the need to have a smooth functioning drag mechanism. Even with such a margin for error, 15 or 20 pound test line is the standard. Line which has not become brittle from too many days of exposure to the damaging rays of the sun or previous encounters with reluctant game fish. Even though the greatest care is taken to ensure that the strongest practical link exists between the fish and the fisherman, smart anglers check the last several feet of line repeatedly throughout the course of the day.

In an effort to protect this leading end of the line, most surfmen, when plugging bluefish, will employ the use of a 6 to 10 inch length of wire leader. For many years this has been the accepted procedure, but if an angler finds his offering is being consistently rejected, then the elimination of this visible link may be necessary. There is really not that much danger of losing an inordinate amount of lures in this type of fishing. Bluefish tend to strike the lure from behind, resulting in most fish being hooked by the tail hook. This effectively puts a distance of two or more inches between the fragile line and those fearsome dentures.

When fishing under a noonday sun, a time when much of this action seems to occur, the usually accommodating bluefish can become finicky. Lures that were seized instantly, when the visibility is somewhat diminished, are now generating little interest. The angler, who the previous day took all his fish on a single lure and returns with little else, may be in for a rude awakening should the blues suddenly become selective. It is always advisable to have a variety of lures from which to choose. The list need not be that extensive, as long as it is representative of the basic types of lures for that specific time and place. Jelly worms, for instance, will not have a place on the beach at this time; tins, poppers, large bodied swimming plugs and the recently re-

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introduced needlefish plugs do. The majority of the fish are probably taken on either tins or poppers, but a slow moving darter or pencil popper has turned the trick when the more conventional bluefish lures have failed. Because sand eels are the primary bait species at this time the addition of a white or green tube to the metal lures is highly recommended, on certain occasions it could mean the difference between success or failure.

These large fish rarely flaunt their presence as their younger brethren do, when accompanied by a canopy of screeching gulls. They will break the surface from time to time or send a spray of bait to signify their proximity, but mostly the angler will be required to test the waters with a lure for an indication of their presence.

Although one particular area may be the scene of repeated hot fishing, a sudden dry spell does not necessarily indicate that the fish have left the region. While it may be true that they have moved off the beach, out of the range of shorebound anglers, it is also possible that they may have moved laterally along the shore, where they may be reached from another parking field. If no action is forthcoming in one area, don't go home without checking the other beaches down the

line. Occasionally this may involve little more than monitoring other anglers' activities, but if there is no one along the shore, it will be necessary to test the area for oneself. Just such an effort could result in a memorable event, providing a supply of bragging tales for many a winter evening.

If one were forced to choose the most productive time to catch fish, I would have to pick the time shortly after sunrise. Excluding these infrequent occasions when blitz-type fishing continues throughout the better part of the day, prime fishing hours tend to be centered before the noon-time whistle, with most anglers on their way home for lunch. Late arrivals, somewhat envious of those already dragging their loaded stringers towards the parking lot, may have missed the brunt of the action, but with persistence they could pick away at fish until dark, when all activity seems to cease. Whether any meaningful fishing takes place at Robert Moses after dark, I can't say with certainty. At this late stage of the season the nights become a bit frosty, given the present scarcity of striped bass, most area surfmen are content to pursue tackle busting blues during the more pleasant daylight hours.

November sunrises are usually accompanied by a distinct chill, on some mornings it's downright frigid. Waders are a must and in addition to effectively halting the biting cut of a chill wind, a waterproof top will prevent the breaking waves from penetrating one's clothing. In many instances it will be necessary to stand on the seaward edge of a ledge or parallel bar, a location where the angler will be exposed to the persistent spray of a crashing surf.

The classic fall fishing weather of lowering clouds with a brisk easterly wind is not needed for dynamite fishing. On the contrary, some of the best fishing, the past few years, has taken place in shirt sleeve weather. There is no apparent specific set of circumstances which activates these fish. Once the angler learns of their presence along the shore he should visit the beach as often as possible during these few weeks. Eventually he will arrive in time to see surfmen up and down the shore, struggling with monster fish. Behind each angler lies a growing pile of sand encrusted bluefish. With the adrenalin coursing through his veins, he hurriedly takes his place in line and heaves his lure seaward. In his haste to catch fish the line slips off his finger causing the lure to land far short of its intended mark. No matter; it is instantly engulfed by an unseen force and a dream has come true. Just watch that growing pile behind your back, for on days such as this, the tendency to keep too many fish, is great. After your needs are fulfilled, release the rest. The feeling of satisfaction, watching a living creature swim away, to live and fight another day, will cap off a truly memorable day.

NOVEMBER PROSPECTS IN THE WESTERN SOUND

by Ted Keatley

"I hate to see that evening sun go down."

That blues singer's lament is my reaction to this time of year when "that evening sun goes down" before I leave the office. The early arrival of darkness means that winter is fast approaching and cold weather will soon be upon us. I hate the onset of winter because it not only signals the end of my fishing season, but also adds to the arthritis pains of my aging joints. Once the temperature drops below 60 degrees, I am unhappy.

However, November does offer some excellent bottom fishing and it can be surprisingly nice on the water if you dress properly and the weatherman keeps the wind machine set on low. One definite prerequisite for late season fishing is a good set of foul weather gear. As important as the ability to ward off spray is the fact that it is an extremely effective wind-breaker and keeps body heat from escaping. In the long run, the best buy is good quality industrial gear of the type worn by commercial fishermen. Cheap sets and the high priced fancy nylon suits favored by yachtsmen do not stand up under the rough

use of fishing.

There should be excellent fishing for blacks and flounder until Thanksgiving and striped bass will be making their annual fall migration westward through New York Harbor to their wintering grounds in the Hudson River just above the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Of course, the current 24" striped bass minimum in Connecticut and New York will mean the release of most of the fish taken. No longer will the meat fishermen be able to run across the Sound to Eatons Neck and Prospect Point to fill barrels with fish just over the old 16" minimum.

Another possibility is action with "frostfish," a catch-all designation for whiting, ling, tomcod and smelt. Whiting have been scarce for the last ten years and there hasn't been a big run of ling since the early 1950s. Tomcod were scarce last year after being very plentiful for several seasons and we have not had a big smelt run since the last 1960s.

The availability of many species fluctuates over long or short cycles. Ideal spawning conditions bring a population explosion and then num-

bers taper off again to a very low level. Weakfish are notorious for extreme swings in spawning success and we are currently at the low end of a striped bass cycle with only the Hudson River population reproducing well.

Striped bass fishermen remember the glory years of the late 1960s and early 1970s, but forget that the tremendous year class of 1934 ended another era when striped bass had virtually disappeared. A few superior year classes spawned by a small population of large fish was the beginning of an abundance cycle which continued until a few seasons ago. Of course, the recovery will be more difficult this time, even though regulation is sharply reducing both the commercial and recreational catch. Chesapeake Bay, the spawning ground for about 80 percent of the Atlantic Coast population in a normal year, has been degraded by chemical and sewage pollution as well as heavy destruction of wetlands for the creation of industrial facilities and waterfront homes. These "worthless swamps" are vital to the ecology of the whole bay. They not only provide



Although the author favors blackfish for November sport, flounder prospects for the month are excellent.

refuge for juvenile fish, but also are great food factories in a chain which affects even species that never enter Chesapeake Bay.

I did note the reappearance of two species this year: sea bass and sheepshead. Although the numbers weren't great, they did show up in the catches of porgy fishermen.

The presence of sheepshead was most surprising. This member of the porgy family is quite striking with its wide vertical black bars like the old time striped convict's uniform. It once was plentiful enough to give Brooklyn's Sheepshead Bay its name, but has rarely been caught in recent years.

Another example of a cyclical fish is the Lafayette or Norfolk spot which made up a good percentage of a snapper fisherman's late season catch only a few years ago. After two seasons of abundance, they disappeared again. We are at the northern extreme of the range for the species and they are plentiful in Western Long Island Sound only in years of major population increases.

While bluefishing will be down to an occasional straggler by the time that this issue reaches readers, I will make a few comments on the just ended season before I move on to current fishing.

First of all, the bunker cost me a lot of gas money this past season because they avoided the Stamford area for the second successive year. They were in the outer reaches of Stamford for a few weeks in July, but they left with the blues snapping at their heels and never returned except for an occasional visit of a day or two. The situation was much the same in Westcott Cove on the opposite side of Shippan Point. There were a few flurries of fantastic bluefishing which never last more than a day or so. The choppers would run the bunker up to Cummings Beach and then chase them back out again a tide or two later.

In September, I seemed to develop a knack for being the right harbor on the wrong day. I always wound up where the blues would be tomorrow or had been yesterday.

The last Sunday of the month provided a perfect example. I had decided to fish Rye's Milton Harbor because the area was alive with mossbunkers and there had been good bluefish action all week. There was no sign of bunker or blues at Cummings Beach when Joe Ferrara and I left at daylight and headed west. We found bunkers so thick in Milton Harbor off the Hen Island Cut that it was almost impossible not to take on on every cast. However, there was no sign of bluefish in the area, even though I tried livelining in many of my long ago hotspots along Orienta Point and at Scotch Caps. We ultimately discovered that the blues had run the bunker up against the shore at Cummings Beach around 8AM in an onslaught which literally pushed the baitfish out of the water at the West



There should be excellent fishing for blacks until Thanksgiving. Photo by Art Glowka.

Beach launching ramp.

I could have loaded the boat with alligators only 200 yards from my dock. Instead, a trip to Rye produced a couple of small blues and a drop of ten gallons in the level of my gas tank.

I did have productive fishing during the first weekend of October on a deep water reef outside of the Stamford Cows (buoy 32). We had eight fish on Friday, 14 on Saturday and over 30 on Sunday. Interestingly, the Friday fish all were big and ran up to 16½ pounds. On Saturday, only about half of the fish were large and we had only one alligator in over 30 fish on Sunday.

The reef has about 40 feet of water near the end on low tide and the depth drops off precipitously to 90 feet as you go west. It can be an excellent spot for porgies, blackfish and blues. However, much of the time, the blues are small. I seem to find larger fish

with consistency only when bunker are plentiful in Stamford Harbor.

The fish are invariably near the bottom and livelining is effective only if a 4 to 6 ounce drail is added between the line and the hook leader to force the bunker down to the bottom.

On the three days that I mentioned, we started with live bunker, but the fast action forced us to dead ones and chunks. When we would run out of bunker, we switched to frozen butterfish until we were completely out of bait. Live bunker brought the fastest action followed by whole dead bunker or butterfish. Chunks were a poor third.

By the time that this issue reaches readers, I am sure that my fishing will be largely restricted to blackfishing on the outside reefs. Flounder fishing should be excellent, but my prefer-

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ence for sport is blackfish.

The blacks which were close to shore in October move out to deeper water as November approaches and the beginning of the month should see the peak of fishing on the offshore reefs. Actually, the fish are available until early December, but they become less plentiful and smaller as Thanksgiving approaches.

My favorite spots for November blackfishing are buoy 28C (formerly 24C) and buoy 11B between Norwalk and Eaton's Neck. I fish the down current side of a dropoff at 28C, but I have found the fishing to be better on the east side of the reef at 11B regardless of the tide.

In these areas, you need a rod with backbone capable of handling a heavy sinker. You are fishing 30 to 50 feet of water in an area with strong tides. At the peak of a perigee tide, I sometimes have found it impossible to hold bottom with 12 ounces of lead.

Since I pretty well covered blackfishing in my October column, I will restrict my comments this time to a couple of very strong cautions.

1. Once you have found area of rock by bouncing the bottom with the sinker, keep the bait still. The line should be taut to facilitate a good, hard hook-setting swing. However, you must move the rod tip up and down as necessary to keep the lead steady on the bottom when the boat rolls.

2. Begin the retrieve with the rod held high over your head if that is what proves to be necessary to prevent slack line. A black has a tough rubbery mouth designed to crush shellfish without discomfort and a moment of slack often is all that is needed to permit the fish to spit the hook and leave for parts unknown. I have watched people lose blackfish after blackfish solely because they dropped the rod tip preparatory to beginning the retrieve.

Thanksgiving means the end of the season for me. On the morning of Turkey Day, I change the oil and replace the filter (I have a Ford V8 in-board). The boat comes out of the water the next morning and winter layup begins. The first thing which I do after hauling in is to scrub the bottom. The season's accumulation of grass and gunk comes off easily if you don't allow it to dry. The people who put off this chore until spring have made a lot of extra work for themselves.

After I have thoroughly cleaned the boat inside and out, I fog the engine with an anti-corrosive oil and put Prestone in the block. Then I grease the steering cable, spray all switches and electrical connections with a moisture repelling agent and apply a penetrating lubricant such as Triflon or CRC to moving parts which might corrode and seize during the winter.

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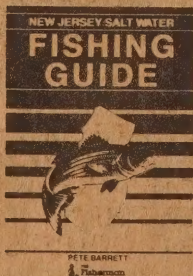


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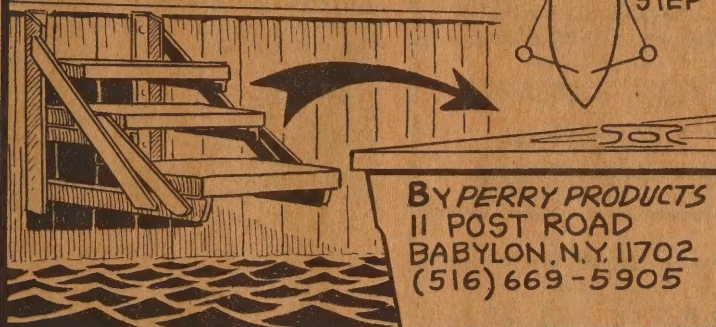
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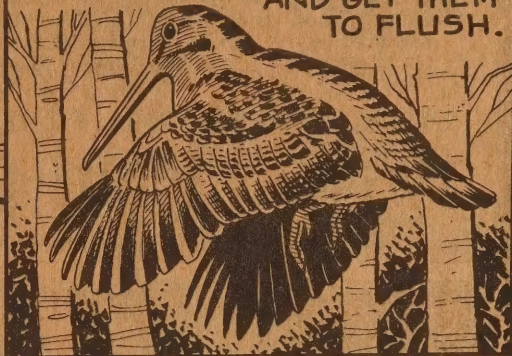
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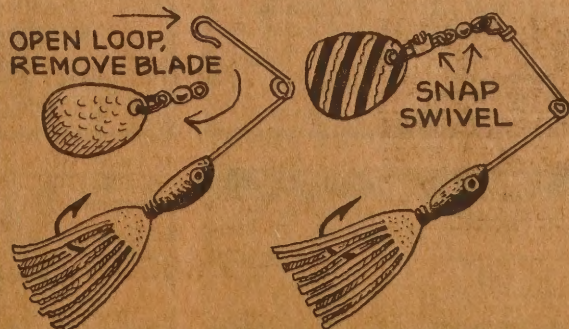
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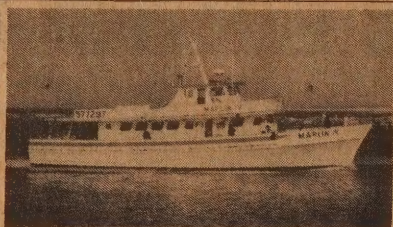
Striped bass moved into Montauk with Sunday night's blow. Bass to 61 lbs. trolling and jigging. Blues won't quit, the sky was black with birds working over feeding blues at Montauk, westwards to Shinnecock. Blackfishing is red hot, with very large catches of very large fish. Flounder to 3 lbs. reported along the way with sea bass and porgies. Fluke are still at the point, caught with lures and jigs meant for bass and blues. Codfish are coming in greater numbers. Small pollock around. A few large green bonita still around.

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Maureen at Gone Fishing Marina reports bass catches on the upswing by both day and night fishermen. Good flounder catches were made just outside Montauk inlet at the Bell Buoy.

Joan, at Captain's Cove Marina reports bass on all charter boats this past week, with all the blues you want. Al Antinori fished Little Gull Island on his marina based boat "Friendship", returning with a very good catch of mixed size blacks.

Capt. Fritz Hubner of the *Mistress Too* says that bass catches have held up all week with some in the 30 lb. range caught on his trips. Bluefish are



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John Robissa decked this 38 lb. cod at Coxes Ledge while aboard the Montauk based, "Viking Starship."



Richard Latinski with a load of sea bass and porgies caught at Montauk board the charter boat, "Nostalgia II."

stacked up from the jetties to the point.

Jeff Picken and his 4 year old son, Steven picked up flounder in the 2-3 lb. range, fishing along Gin Beach on Sunday, on a boat rented from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. Henry Uihlein has a few boats available for full moon bass fishing. Call him for details.

The **Starship** fished various wrecks off Block Island on Sunday picking cod to 25 lbs., although most were in the 8-12 lb. range. Capt. Forsberg reports night bluefishing remaining at its high level and will continue bluefishing every Wednesday and Saturday night.

When waiting for your party boat to leave, be sure to take advantage of the flounder in Montauk Harbor, many anglers are catching a bucket or so of flounder from the stern of the docked boats before leaving the dock (bringing your own hooks and bait).

Capt. Michael Potts has been averaging 5 to 12 stripers a day on the **Bluefin IV** trips, with most fish in the 10-15 lb. range with at least one near 30 lbs. each trip. On Sunday, a group led by Mr. Demelio caught 12 stripers, the largest 47 lbs., four in the 20-30 lb. range, mostly on umbrella rigs. Diamond jigs took three bass, one 25 lbs., when the tide was running. Capt. Potts pointed out that the Montauk area is so loaded with blues that at least 50 bluefish are caught on each trip even though he is going out of his way to avoid them. A few green bonita and fluke are a daily occurrence. Capt. Potts has a few mid-week openings. Call him for details. As we were going to press on Monday, a call came in from Capt. George Potts. The **Bluefin IV** had caught 40 bass in the 8-15 lb. range by 9:30 am with many shorts returned to the water. You will remember Monday's weather as fog, rain, and wind.

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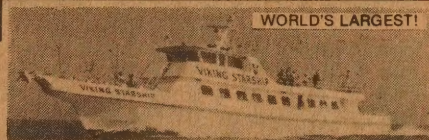
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The anglers were Mr. Skonieczny and his friends from Bridgehampton.

Edelman's Lou Rosado, fishing alone on his Bluefin on Sunday night hooked into a large bass which wouldn't fit into his 151 qt Igloo cooler, the fish weighed 61 lbs. at **Star Island Yacht Club**. The fish took a J Plug, made by Luhr Jensen co., trolled under the Light. An 8' lb. weakfish was also caught. On Saturday, Rosado fished the New Grounds, South Side, for 30 blackfish in the medium size range.

A trip on the **King Wayne** on

Sunday with the Oakdale Sportsman's Club found blackfish to 9 lbs, cod and a large number of small pollock at the southwest ledge and Block Island.

Capt. Joe McBride fished for blues with Tim Doubrava and his family of Mattituck. Bad weather kept them on the South Side, however blues were stacked up, the group had a fine catch and came home early. Capt. McBride asked me to thank all his friends and customers for participating in a fine fishing season. Look for him at the N.Y. Boat Show and also the Sportsman's Expo in Nassau County

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Captain Mike Bentivenga, Jr. took the **Pronto** back to Mad Dog Reef for more super blackfishing. On Friday, Steve Repka and John Richie enjoyed catching 40 blacks, the largest 11 pounds. Sunday's trip with Mike Foresta, Jeff Stillman and their friend Joe, all members of the Huntington Anglers Fishing Club caught four dozen blacks, the largest 10.49 pounds. Captain Bentivenga will schedule blackfishing trips well into November. Call for details.

On Saturday, Captain Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann** fished with Ken Ducker of Hauppauge and his two friends on the **Barbara Ann** for blues. The group caught so many blues in the 4 to 19½ pound range in a couple of hours that the boat returned early. Capt. Bill reported that it was impos-

ible to Not Catch A Bluefish, they were so thick. On Sunday, Mad Dog Reef was the scene of the action, where Gene and Bill Ritter with Marty Serotta boated about 70 blackfish, top weight 12 pounds. Green crabs were the bait.

Steve Pascale and Dick Latinski, members of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club had a great day on the **Nostalgia II** with blackfish. Eighteen of their 52 blacks weighed between 7 and 10½ pounds. Captain Jerry McGrath fished Mad Dog Reef, using green crabs.

Nasty weather on Saturday, kept the **Julie III** in Montauk Harbor where 96' flounder from 3/4 to 1¼ pounds were caught by Freddie Johnson and his friends from Brooklyn, along with 2 tommy cod. On Sunday, Captain Ron Grandinetti fished on the Pocketbook Ledge with Carl Ianno of New



Steve Regina and friends with some big blues caught aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Honey Bun."

York City, returning with 44 blackfish from 3 to 8¼ pounds, 34 porgies to 3 pounds with sea bass and a lone 2 pound fluke.

Some people, including myself, consider blackfish the choice fish for the table. It can be fried, baked, barbecued, steamed, broiled, etc. I use it as a substitute for crab meat in any recipe that calls for crab. Just steam the fish, break it into chunks and use in stuffings and quiches.

Bernie Lorenz gave us this bluefish recipe: Make a paste with 2 tablespoons grey Poupon mustard, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sause. Add garlic powder to taste and a splash of lemon juice. Broil bluefish fillets about 2½ minutes. Turn and baste heavily with the above mixture. Broil about 5 minutes more until the sauce is brown and bubbly.

If you have any recipes for Long Island caught fish which you would like to share, please send them to me at The Fisherman.

SOUTH FORK

This blackfish season will probably make history as the best in most people's memory. The fish are numerous, huge, and eager to eat. For the past week, Capt. Artie Lach has been into super blackfishing, with lots of tacklebusters on the **Wilhelric**. On Sunday's trip Zack Balauta of New York City won the pool with a fish of over 12 pounds, one of 15 in his fishbox. Seven of Zack's fish weighed over 9 lbs. Dave Roys of Coram caught 30 fish, the largest 11½ lbs. Although Dave was using 30 lb. test

line, five fish busted his line when they hit. The **Wilhelric** will blackfish for the rest of the season, check the ad for sailing days.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor reported that flounder picked up a little this week. Try Kelly's Point (outside Sag Harbor), Sag Harbor coves, Gibsons (off Mashomack Point). Blackfishing remains very good at Plum Island.

Barbara and Harry Smith fished with their family early in the week, returning to **Noyac Marina** with 51 nice flounders, one of 2½ lbs., although most were in the 1½ to 2 lb. range. Best results was at change of tide and beginning of incoming. Heavy chum was the key. The location, northeast of the fish nets at Jessups, on the Noyac side. Nice catches of flounder continue to be made from the town dock, next to **Noyac Marina**.

Thom Speckenback heard that Shinnecock flounder were a little slow this week, however bluefish won't quit. All you want are in Shinnecock Inlet and just outside in the ocean. James Casella found a 42 lb. striper, under the blues on Monday, using a diamond jig, fishing in the inlet. The fish was weighed at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Southampton. There are rumors of bass and large weakfish, to 15 lbs.

James Doffin of Amityville and his three friends fished on the **Jenny Rose** last Wednesday for an ocean wreck trip. They left the boat with an igloo cooler, one burlap bag, and three five gallon buckets full of fish: cod (to 11 lbs.), pollock, JUMBO SEA BASS (to 4 lbs.), a few blackfish, and humpback porgies (all over 2 lbs.) Saturday's trip found larger cod, with the pool fish 15 lbs. 9 ozs. caught by Rich DePaula of Bayside. On Sunday, the **Jenny Rose** fished the Peconics where the pool was won by Rich Latsko of Center Moriches with a 4½ lb. blackfish. Approximately 250 blacks and sea bass were caught on the trip.

Capt. Ken Malone will be exploring his many offshore wrecks for cod in the coming weeks and feels like a good season is coming up. Call him for information on codfish trips.

A spokesman for **Altenkirch & Son** spoke of fantastic bluefishing Monday morning in the rain in the Shinnecock Inlet. Blues ranged from 2-20 lbs. and were in a feeding frenzy. Very few flounder were reported this week, however one of 2 lb. 12 oz. was weighed at the Tackle shop. Fiddler crabs, available at **Altenkirch & Son** was the prime bait for blackfish which took up residency in the Canal over the weekend. One angler had 22 blacks, top weight 4 lbs. over the weekend. A hint: be prepared to lose a lot of tackle when fishing the canal. Bring lots of hooks and sinkers.



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South Shore REPORT with Fred Golofaro

A showing of some big bass at the inlets for liveliners, along with some lingering tiderunner weaks spiced this week's fishing. Flounder remain generally fair with a steady dose of cooler weather needed to kick the fishing into high gear. Blacks are still in the bays and blues still plentiful outside the inlets for jiggers and trollers despite the calendar.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Flounder action in Moriches Bay showed some signs of gathering momentum this weekend. Some attributed the upturn to the arrival of the weekend's cooler temperatures. Rosemary Fedorco, reporting for the open boat **Alma**, said that Saturday saw fares average 25 flatties per man. A few blacks and sea bass are still

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mixed with the flounder and blue claw crabs remain plentiful in the bay. Aboard the **Alma III** on Saturday, a cod trip produced 3 cod in the 20 lb. class along with big blues to 18 lbs.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches said that there are some nice flatties around but you have to work for them. Chumming with clams or mussels is essential. Most of the fish now being taken between Haven's Point and buoy 42 are big, ranging between 1 and 2½ lbs. John and Matt Viol nailed 55 big flatties on Saturday using bloodworms and mussel chum. Still loads of blue claw crabs in the bay with the buoy 27 area producing from 1/2 to 1 full bushel per boat. Bunker bait has been turning the trick here.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello spoke of so-so flounder action with a steady dose of cool weather needed to produce more consistent action. This week's predicted cooler temperatures should help. The mild weather is extending bay blackfish action with some decent scores still being made at the Moriches Inlet West Jetty and on

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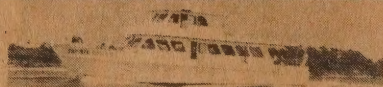
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Kismet Reef. For freshwater fans, Vinnie Fernandez used a Rebel plug to take a 6.10 lb. largemouth from a local Patchogue Lake. The big bass was released alive after weighing.

There was some more impressive freshwater news waiting at J&R Sport Center in Oakdale. Dave Canale reported brown trout of 6 and 2¾ lbs. for Ron Hitchcock Saturday morning. Ron took both fish in Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. Alan Silverman checked in with an impressive striper Saturday morning. His 46.6 lb. cow

gobbled a live eel in Fire Island Inlet. Blackfish continue to please boatmen in the bay. Nick Triol and his son Paul, aboard their "Chum Bum," kept 10 blacks from 2 to 5½ lbs. taken at the RM Bridge on Saturday. On Thursday, Dave found time to team with friends Rick and Steve for a fling at the flatties. Fishing at buoy 17 near the Smith Point Bridge, the trio put away 24 fish between 3/4 and 1½ lbs. Most were in the 1 lb. class. Bloodworms and clam chum accounted for the fish. Thursday right saw 14-year-

old Robby Amoroso nail a 11.2 lb. weak at the Inlet. The fish took a live bunker fished from the family boat, "Sea Gypsy."

Over at Captree, flounder catches have ranged from picky to good with most skippers agreeing that some consistently cool weather is needed to put the fishing on track. Some very nice size flatties are being taken mixed with smaller fish. Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat, Capt. Rod called the fishing generally fair with the best fishing still to come.



Vinnie DeMartino live-lined this 47 lb. striper in Great South Bay on 10/12/84. Taken aboard the "6 D's," the cow was weighed at Augie's Tackle in Babylon.

He has been working as far east as Heckscher and as far west as Lindenhurst. "Rod" reminded that he will stay on the flounder run into December providing the weather holds up.

Captain Carl Passero of the Captree open boat **Miss Captree**, reported that a few days of east winds made for picky fishing most of the week. Some trips saw fares with 10 to 15 blackfish but most did not fare as well. Some nice size sea bass are still mixed with the blacks on wrecks and the FI Ocean reef. Carl reminded that the boat will be hauled for maintenance between Monday, November 12 and Friday November 16 but that he will be on a normal sailing schedule prior to and following the boat being hauled.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that the weather has been the biggest factor on the ocean wrecks and reef. Good weather usually makes for good scores while east winds such as those of the past week, make for difficult conditions and slower fishing. Blackfish dominate the catches now but some sea bass are still mixed with the tautogs.

From **Augies Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Fred Austin reported weaks of 13.1 and 14½ lbs. for Gary of the "Free Spirit" on Thursday. The fish were livelined to the west. Wayne Tweedy followed up 50 lb. cow bass on Sunday with a 42½ lb. cow bass on Sunday with a 42½ lb. cow bass on Thursday. He has been livelining at the inlet with eels and bunker. Fred labelled the flounder action this week as picky but noted some nice size fish are being taken. Twelve year old Mike Murray had a 2¼ lb. near Good

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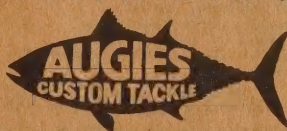
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Bluefish continues to be the strongest item in this area with almost all fish being in the gorilla class from 10 to 21 lbs. Chunking is also working very well daytimes now making for easier fishing. Catches are really huge most days. On the flounder scene some areas are having good catches of decent sized fish while other spots are producing small half pound varieties. Blackfish continue strong at all wrecks and bridges as we move deeper into the fall.

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WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From Wanser's Tackle in Seaford, Lon tells us that nearly all the flounder catches he's heard of this week have been on the small side with fish being taken at Four Corners, the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges, Wanser's Cut and Massapequa Cove. Blackfishing good all week on green crabs at the T wreck and Rota Wreck. Bluefish being taken on live and chunked bunker at the Sloop Channel bridges and all through Sloop Channel.

From Merrick Tackle in Bellmore we also heard of lots of half pound class flounder, mainly from the Short Beach CG Station area and Massapequa Cove. Loads of jumbo offshore blues being bailed at Cholera.

Swinging over to Freeport, a call from Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** told of good floundering through Saturday with sizes on the upswing, from 3/4 to 1 lb. Worms have worked best this week, incoming tide and the action has been in local Freeport creeks.

From Captain Mike Gross of the **captain Lou Fleet** we learn of fair flounder catches this week on the **CL III**, the full day boat, with high hooks in the 30s most trips and in the 20s aboard the **CL V**, the half day boat. Mike says that the floundering should continue to improve with the colder weather. The fish have been averaging a pound with the pools nearing the 2 lb. mark.

Word from the **Captain Al** is that the mixed bag wreck fishing has been excellent all week with mixed catches of blacks, sea bass, porgies and bluefish being hoisted. Blues are running up to 20 lbs. and a 12 lb. cod, the first of the year was caught Saturday as were a few ling.

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"Some good size flounder in fair quantities at Babylon Cut and Copiaque Hole," according to **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiaque. Some blacks still at Kismet Reef and RM bridge and a few big bass being livelined at the inlet.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor spoke of a quiet week but knew of some pretty decent flounder action at Bergen Pt., Venetian Shores, Tanner Park and Copiaque Hole. Chumming is important. Blackfish hanging in at Kismet and WR Buoy and crabs still being taken locally and in Sore Thumb Pocket.

From **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera spoke of a few big bass being livelined on bunker at the

inlets. Flounder are decent at Fox Creek and blacks to 5 lbs. are still at the State Channel Bridge. The Surfside III Tuna Club's annual Flounder Derby saw Jack Snow take first place with a 2 1/4 lber. Eight year old Dave Donarumma nailed down second with a 1.10 lb. flattie and Bob Winter took third with a 1 1/2 pounder. Frank reminded that King Electronics are now in stock and the manufacturer's color recorder is now on display.



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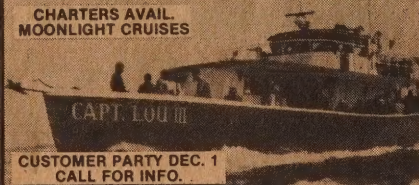
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Andrew Richter, Dave Gianneli, Don Meirsen and Jim Montgomery with 12 big blues to 17½ lbs. taken on butterfly and bunker south of Jones Inlet at the Stone Barge. The catch was checked in at Scotty's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

Point Lookout told of good flounder catches at mid-week. Wednesday saw Tony Velani with 26 flounder including a 2 lb. pool fish, while Earl French decked 43 and regular Fred had 42. Saturday's AM trip had John of College Point taking the pool for the second week in a row. On a PM trip, 26 was the score for Mike Balsamo. Ron expects to be continuing two trip a day flounder trips right into December.

On Saturday, November 17th the Miss Point Lookout will sponsor Derek Hawkins Day in honor of a local youth serious injured recently when he was knocked from his bicycle by a speeding car. Derek is still hospitalized, being paralyzed from the chest down and the benefit is being run to help with the hospital bills. All proceeds from both trips that day will be donated to the fund. The two trips will sail 7:30 AM to Noon and from 1PM to 5:30 PM. Any readers wishing to make contributions can call Captain Ron Murray at (516) 661-8612.

From Scotty's Fishing station we heard of Ed Rhinfleisch's 17 lb. blue which he took on 4 lb. test fishing the west bar at Jones. Plenty of big bluefish at the west bar, said Tom, being taken on umbrellas, jigs and chunks. Fair to good flounder catches at the middle bay drain and buoy 17. Good blackfishing at the local bridges jetties and wrecks on fiddlers and greenies. First time angler Tom Neally of Manhattan bagged a 16 lb. bluefish on an umbrella rig, and there are still evidences of tuna in the area of the Bacardi wreck.

Word from Long Beach Sports Marina is of huge bluefish off the beaches, around the bridges and in

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the channels for trollers, casters and live liners. Tom Butler of Long Beach, live lined 9 gorillas from 18 to 20 lbs. Sunday morning fishing in 20 ft. of water off Atlantic Beach. Blackfishing still a good number at the ABB and local wrecks on green crabs. Lots of flounder being caught at Hog Channel and buoys 5 and 9, with chumming a must. The Tin Can Grounds are presenting a variety of species for trollers and diamond dunkers. Bass, blues and weaks have all been taken there during the week and a few cow bass have fallen to live bunker at the ABB.

We hear from Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook about Lynbrook anglers Gus Parente and Pete Bonano, fishing at the ABB taking a load of blacks up to 7¼ lbs. There was a 5 lber. included and the fish average 2 to 3 lbs. This was Friday on the flood

using greens and fiddlers. Flounder-ing has been fair but steady in Reynolds with fish mixed sizes. Chumming is a must.

Over in Atlantic Beach, Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat Kim advises that the bass fishing has been good with all fish on the smallish side with a 40 percent keeper ratio. The rigs are also taking 8 to 10 lb. bonito and giant blues. Ron says the fishing is building more each day and there's lots of bait in the water. Catches are being made on umbrellas fishing the Tin Can in between the channels.

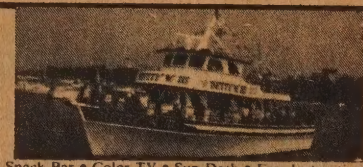
At the Reynolds Reef Fishing Station reassured us that the blackfishing remained good at the ABB on greens and fiddlers. Flounder fishing has been “okay” at the Cedarhurst yacht club and the Island Park railroad trestle. Blues? All over the place.

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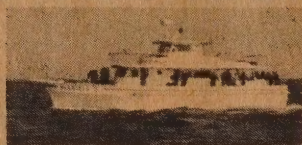
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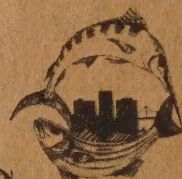
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Word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway is that from Friday on, flounder really picked up in size and quantities with fish averaging a pound. Best action was in Hog Channel and Woodsburgh's Channel on mussel, worm and clam chum. Blackfishing has been on the upswing this week at the local bridges and jetties on fiddlers and green crab. Bluefishing continues excellent along the local beaches in 20 to 30 ft. of water.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the

Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle Shop** is of plenty of gigantic bluefish at 17 Fathoms with green banana lures being utilized with great success. Blackfishing has been very good particularly off Seabright on green crab, while the flounder action has been fair in the Jamaica Bay area on sand worms with yellow teasers.

From Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** comes word that during the week fares had very good blackfishing at Seabright and Scotland. She blew Saturday and Sunday and with the heave and swells, you can imagine the results. Weekdays the score ran 15 to 45 fish a man with the weekend scores down to 5 to 20 a man. Incoming was

best with fiddlers and greens.

Aboard the **Flamingo III**, skipper Bob Wiegand said Sunday was by far the best day of the week. Things were good to very good on the blues all week long at 17 Fathoms but Sunday stood out. It was so good that the boat blew 3 whistles at 12:10 PM, fares begging for mercy. High hook was 37 fish, all big. On the scale they ran 13 to 20 lbs. Both bait and jigs worked, as fast as you could pull 'em. Sonny, Jimmy and Sal of Kingston, NY had over 100 blues while Brooklyn angler Joe Salvo had 37 of the monsters. Bob said the water is still warm and there are still plenty of blues socked into the area and he expects to be bluefishing

North Shore REPORT

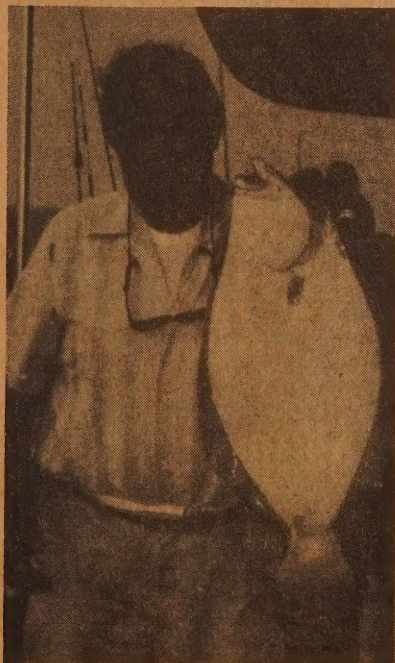
with Marty Garrell

Blackfish action was excellent everywhere with lots of large tautog, including the second potential I.G.F.A. record of the season in the reports. Bass fishing was sporadic, and flounders complimented the bottom scene. East and northeast winds hurt small boats over the weekend, however, and most liveries are now open for bait sales only.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at John's Gun and Tackle in New Rochelle said that blackfish were all over the reefs and rockpiles with the best local fish to 9 pounds. Big bluefish were available as loners for a few anglers plugging or chunking the shorelines. Flounder in the 1/2 pound class and butterfish were entertaining inshore fans. The latter were best fished with #12 hooks and pieces of shrimp. The **Klondike VIII** has been hitting tautog around Norwalk and expects to run through the 25th of the month.

John DiCuffa at Jack's Bait and



Murray Vernikoff with 7 1/4 lb. pool winning fluke caught back in August aboard the Gerritsen Creek open boat, "Elsie K III."



Carlos Aponte and Henry Nelson topped off their catches of blacks with these big bulldogs, caught aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

Tackle on City Island weighed the largest Long Island tautog of the season, a potential I.G.F.A. record in the 8 kg (16 pound) line class, for Scott Lindsay last week. The giant 16 pound, 3 ounce blackfish was taken near Buoy 11B, Eatons, on green crab and was only one giant in an enormous catch recorded by Lindsay, Joe Sucek, Bruce Williamson, and Jack Thompson aboard the **Annie L**.

There was good local flounder fishing in Orchard Beach Lagoon on 3/4 to 1 pound fish, baiting with sandworms and chumming corn and catfood. Bass fishing was a shorts-only proposition and blues were slow to non-existent. Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** had reasonable fishing for tautog in the 2 to 5 pound range near Norwalk and Greenwich over the weekend. He had a steady pick with most fares winding up with catches of 10 or more and pool winners around 8 pounds. Fishing was inshore in 25 feet and offshore in 42 to 60 feet of water. Ferrara's last sailing will be on the 18th.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** saw lots of blackfish from Bayville and around Glen Cove breakwaters. Some blues were still in the harbors, and Dosoris Pond and Pryble Beach were producing flounder. Short bass were plentiful up on top around Center Island with plugging still the way to go.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Similar reports were gathered from Bob Cedar at Huntington Prop and Tackle, Eileen at Greenlawn Sports

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Rob and Jim Moriarty used bunker chunks to take these blues and 17 1/4 lb. striper at buoy 13 in Long Island Sound. Photo courtesy of Huntington Prop and Tackle.

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Shop, and Tom Bowman at Bowman's Sporting Goods in Northport. Blackfishing around buoys 11B and 28C was excellent, especially 600 yards south of the can in 40 feet of water. There were also numerous big porgies in the 2 pound class available around Can 13 with a pick of bass on worms and umbrellas. Blues were still being jigged around the OB and the Coast Guard Station; these were 3 to 4 pound choppers. Flounders were abundant inshore around docks and harbors, but not outside. Finally a run of herring was in progress around the Mill Dam in Centerport.

There were a lot of blackfish



Twelve-year-old Larry Ricci shows two of 10 blues in the 10 to 15 lb. class taken on live bunker in Cold Spring Harbor. They were caught aboard the family boat, Tia Maria. Subscriber photo.

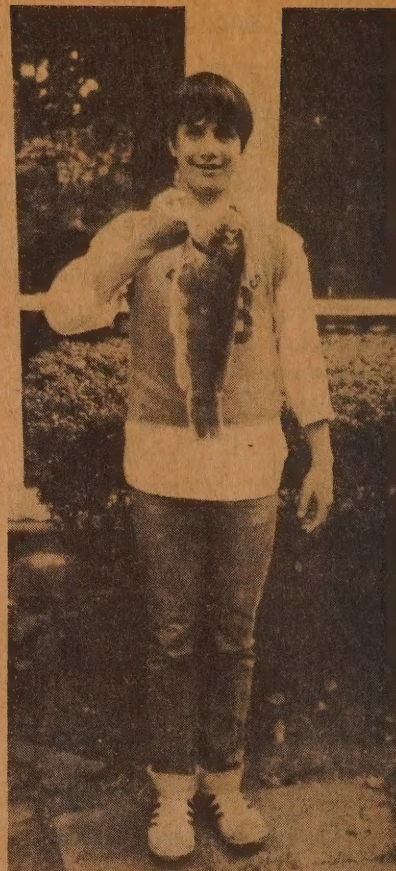
around Old Field and Cranes according to the Carafitis Fishing Station and Sutlers in Port Jefferson. Blues were in close for trollers with some fish over 9 pounds. Mount Misery Shoal had some of the largest slammers. Most of the bass around Miller Place and Rocky Point were throwbacks, and bass specialists around Cranes were still into sandworms. The warmest October on record was still yielding porgies. Tom and Stan at the Rocky Point Fishing Stop advised that bass fishing could be quite good anywhere from Port Jeff to Wildwood. Casting white bucktails in 1 to 1½ ounce sizes from boats close to the beach was the method of choice. Incidentally, the ratio of keepers to shorts is 1:9 even though a few 20s were reported a week ago.

Dicks Sporting Goods in Mount Sinai figured that the biggest tautog were in deeper water off Old Field and the Middle Grounds with some big porgies there as well. Walter Schaefer was amazed by a 12 pound weakfish taken on a green crab bait.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at Warren's Tackle is well stocked with bait and suggests Indian Island for late flounder in the western Peconics. Blackfishing was strictly for big boats over the weekend, and the beaches of the east are dead.

Charlie Carafitis at the Mattituck Fishing Station was packing things in for the season on Sunday. He marked porgies with the blackfish through Wednesday and advises those who fish the Bailey's Beach-Beachcomber



LIF subscriber David Katz displays a 6½ lb. blackfish taken near Execution Rock in Long Island Sound aboard the family boat, Lady Jane II.

area to try 40 feet of water in the coming weeks.

Ace Cottral at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station mentioned flounder off Long Beach, Dering, Pipes Cove, and Bens Point, and Art White at the A.P. White Bait Shop noted a super catch of flatties west of the Greenport jetty. Both White and Cottral will be open through the 18th and both are well stocked with bait supplies. Blackfish are all over the area...off Plum Island, west of the old Port of Egypt Station, and on Sound wrecks between Orient and New London.

The Brand X has been enjoying fantastic blackfishing in deep waters to the east and has been putting a lot of 6 to 10 pound bulldogs on the scales at Whites. Robert Sobel weighed a 10 pounder and Roy Gamble who showed up with a 11½ pound monster from the Nancy Ann. Rod DeLisle's Prowler accounted for the largest blue of the season on the North Fork registry, a 19 pound, 9 ounce gorilla taken by Juanita Venable, jigging in the Gut.

Dave Brennan called to say that the week on the Peconic Star has been super, every single day of it. Fish are 4 to 6 pounds average with exemplary pool fish like the one on Sunday weighing 10 pounds, 12 ounces.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet. —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	7:15	7:35	8:00	8:20	7:55	8:10	8:40	9:10	10:40	11:10	10:35	11:00	7:10	7:30	11/8
FRI.	7:50	8:10	8:35	8:55	8:25	8:45	9:15	9:45	11:00	11:35	11:15	11:40	7:50	8:10	11/9
SAT.	8:20	8:50	9:10	9:35	8:55	9:15	9:50	10:25	11:35	—	11:45	—	8:25	8:50	11/10
SUN.	8:55	9:25	9:50	10:15	9:25	9:55	10:25	11:10	12:05	12:10	12:15	12:25	9:05	9:30	11/11
MON.	9:35	10:10	10:35	11:00	10:00	10:40	11:05	11:55	12:45	12:55	1:00	1:10	9:50	10:15	11/12
TUES.	10:25	11:05	11:20	11:50	10:50	11:45	11:55	—	1:30	1:40	1:40	1:55	10:40	11:10	11/13
WED.	11:15	—	—	12:15	11:50	—	12:50	12:50	2:20	2:35	2:35	2:50	11:35	—	11/14
THURS.	12:05	12:20	12:50	1:10	12:45	12:50	1:50	1:55	3:15	3:35	3:30	3:50	12:10	12:35	11/15

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herd Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higginum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Dauids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spytten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/8	6:42	4:46
FRI. 11/9	6:43	4:45
SAT. 11/10	6:44	4:44
SUN. 11/11	6:45	4:43
MON. 11/12	6:47	4:42
TUE. 11/13	6:48	4:41
WED. 11/14	6:49	4:40

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/8	4:49PM	6:21AM
FRI. 11/9	5:17PM	7:24AM
SAT. 11/10	5:54PM	8:29AM
SUN. 11/11	6:38PM	9:33AM
MON. 11/12	7:30PM	10:33AM
TUE. 11/13	8:32PM	11:27AM
WED. 11/14	9:40PM	12:14AM

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:00	10:05	4:15	10:25
Fri.	4:40	10:55	5:05	11:15
Sat.	5:30	11:45	5:55	—
Sun.	6:20	12:10	6:55	12:40
Mon.	7:20	1:10	7:55	1:40
Tues.	8:20	2:10	8:55	2:40
Wed.	9:20	3:10	9:55	3:40
Thurs.	10:20	4:10	10:55	4:40

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Water depths are typically 65 to 70 feet with sinkers in the 6 to 10 ounce class when tides are easy "off the moon." Next weekend will be one with stronger tides, however. Low hook on Sunday went 6 fish and typical catches are anywhere from good to "annihilation." The Star will be sailing through the 25th.

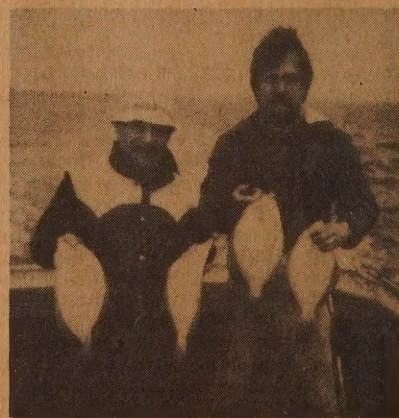
Richie Jensen spent much of the weekend on the Connecticut side with the **Nancy Ann** and had 6 tautog over 10 pounds, including a whopping 13 pounder on Sunday. Jensen sees tautog anywhere from 20 to 100 feet and fishes 50 to 60 feet of water himself. He thinks the best blackfishing is only beginning with the tautog not even close to quitting. On a different note, he showed a dozen bass on one charter trip last week and advises that linesiders are a mix of shorts to 20s as a rule.

Larry Ciccotto is pulling the **Prime Time II** after Election Day on a solid nte. He filled buckets with 3 to 5 pound tautog for smiling faces in 35 to 55 feet of water on both Saturday and Sunday. John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** likes deep water around 70 feet and had a number of giant tautog over 12 pounds in recent days. He figures an average fish around 6 pounds. Open weekend days for the **Albatross** should commence on the 17th, and then it will be a daily schedule through December 1 or 2.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The prospects for an extended fall run continue to look good with hordes of bluefish still camped on the east end and weakfish still falling to casters along south shore beaches.



Dominick and Dan show some big flounder taken off of Peconic Bay's Nassau Point aboard the "Boanne."

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Montauk bass action slowed somewhat up front, but there were some very good scores made along the Point's south side this past week. The Smith Point area enjoyed a decent showing of bass this week with fish being taken on Rebel swimmers on night tides.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon Fred Austin told of weighing blues to 15 lbs. through Sunday. These fish were coming from the Cedar Gilgo area. A week ago Friday proved a significant day for one newcomer to the surf scene. Neil Martino headed for Gilgo with a new surf rod and reel outfit, content to practice some casting. Just a couple of casts into his practice session with a Hopkins produced his first striper.

The bass weighed in at 10 lbs.

This past Friday afternoon saw a good showing of weaks in the surf at Field 4, Robert Moses. Of the many casters on hand, most had one or two of the yellowfins, while some managed as many as four to six. The fish ranged from 4 to 10 lbs. and were being taken on tin and tube combos fished behind Red Gill droppers.

On Thursday night, Mark Reuschle and Phil Holowski, both of East Islip, found a mess of 10 to 13 lb. blues at Cedar Beach. All of the fish were taken on Needlefish plugs. On Wednesday night, Ray Corbett fished the same area and used a needle to take a 20 lb. striper.

From **J&R Tackle** in Oakdale Dave Canale reported a catch of 20 blues

made at Shinnecock Inlet by Dr. Mary Lou Ghigna on Tuesday. All were taken on Hopkins. Dave also told of weighing a 28 1/2 lb. bass and a 10 lb. weak Thursday morning. Both fish, taken by Don Visek were taken the night before at Montauk.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue had a list of weigh ins waiting when I called Monday morning. He had also just finished putting a 46 1/2 lb. striper on the scale for Joe Graham. The big cow, which measured 50 inches, was taken on a Hopkins at 8AM at Ponquogue Beach, Hampton Bays. Joe paired the bass with blues of 8 and 14 lbs. Getting back to those Moriches fish, Ron Grippi had fish of 20 and 22 lbs. Tuesday night. Same night Joe Romano nailed a 20

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lb. striper. Fourteen year old John Orlando, Jr. scored with weaks of 5 and 8 lbs. on Monday night, while his dad John Sr. followed up with bass of 10 and 18 lbs. Wednesday night. Rheinard Orsinger scored with a 20 lb. striper on Friday night. Gary Maher made the most of his vacation, scoring with bass of 8, 10, 18, 20, 23 and 33 lbs. during the course of the week. Several reliable sources reported a 44 lb. cow taken from the west jetty early Sunday morning. Also on Sunday, there was some decent action with big blues along the open beach between cut 2 and the inlet. Butterfish were a hot bait for the big choppers. Robert Caulfield weighed an 18.10 lb. blue which is the current leader in the shop's bluefish derby.

South Fork beaches continue to hold plenty of bluefish along with an occasional bass. Chris Salb of Bayview Marine and Tackle in Sag Harbor told of pretty steady action along local beaches. On Sunday, a Mr. Restivo had 10 blues on Sunday, including a pair of 10 lbers. along the Bridgehampton Ocean front. Chris also had word of some school bass being taken along Shagwong out at the Point.

Speaking of Montauk, Glen Haussman of Freehold, New Jersey called to report on Sunday night's effort for himself and Don Liptak working the Point's south side, despite the strong southeast blow. Glen managed bass of 9, 15, 16 1/2 and 24 lbs. Don scored with stripers of 7, 14, 23, 23 and 34 lbs. Key to the fishing were Don Musso's large Super Strike, Needlefish plugs. A medium size Super Strike Needle accounted for an 18 lb. striper for Mike Campanelli of West Islip on Friday night. It might be worth noting here that these red hot plugs are now being stocked at Z Crab Tackle in Copiague, J&R Sports Center in Oakdale, Augie's Tackle in Babylon and Speck's Tackle Shop in Southampton.

Johnny Kronuch of Johnny's Tackle Shop in Montauk said that while things did slow down since last week, several impressive fish were still put on the scale. Sal Zanka clicked with a 35 lb. cow, John Skidmore drilled a 39 1/2 lber., and Alex Szuch checked in a gutted 36 pounder. During the week, Steve Banai clicked with a 29.14 lber. and Jack "The Painter" Murray had fish of 15, 15 and 22 lbs. Needlefish remain the hot plug with green the most popular but yellow also accounting for some fish. John added that some big blues have been moving in and out near Hither Hills in recent days and there's also a few up into the high teens taken at night on North Bar.



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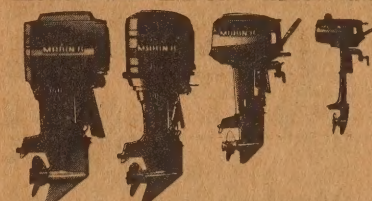
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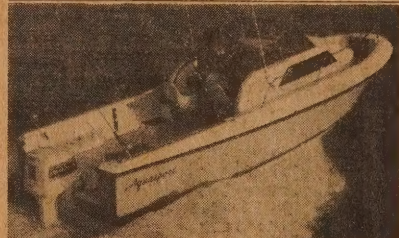
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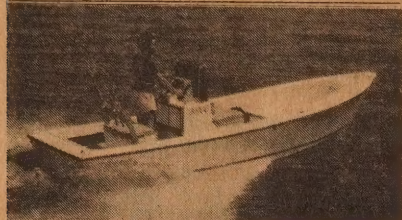
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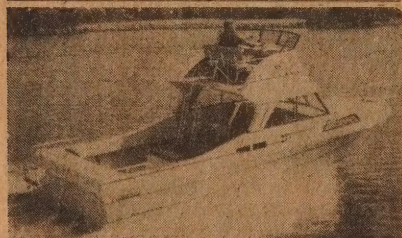
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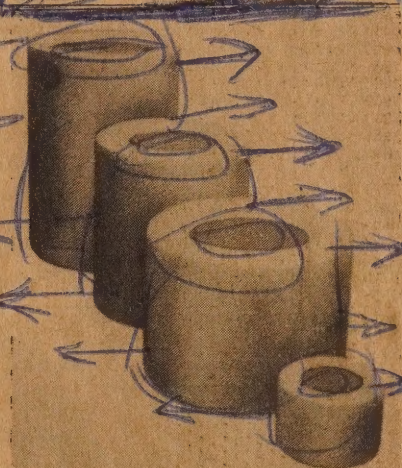
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